

STAR READERS HEAVILY FINED IN U. S. COURT

Judge Platt Orders Stickles to Pay \$1,000 And Keeler \$750.

Former Had Largest Fortune Telling Establishment in the World—Latter Had Good Business—Both Suspended Practice of Astrology Upon Order of Postal Department.

Charles Herbert Stickles and Carroll D. Keeler, both of Bridgeport, were found guilty of using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, in the Federal Court, in New Haven, this morning. Judge Platt fined Stickles \$1,000 and Keeler \$750. They promptly paid their fines.

Stickles and Keeler were in the mail order business in this city. Their specialty was telling fortunes under the rules of astrology. These fortune telling enterprises were for a long time permitted by the Post Office department. At last they were put under the ban. Fraud orders were issued, and all mail addressed to such enterprises was held up. The promoters were ordered to go out of business. Among those who promptly obeyed the order were the Bridgeport men. Some time elapsed before their arrests took place. Stickles was among the first men in

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS IN REBATE CASES

Big Fines Against New York Central Are Confirmed by Decisions

Had Granted Rebates to the Sugar Trust—Tried Under Elkins Act.

Provisions of the Elkins Act Are Confirmed as Constitutional—Express Companies Forbidden to Issue Franks, and "Anti-Pass" Provision of Hepburn Law Upheld.

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—In the famous sugar rebate case the Supreme court of the United States today decided against the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and held the rebate provisions of the Elkins Act constitutional. The New York Central was fined \$75,000 and Traffic Manager Fred L. Pomeroy \$5,000 under the Elkins Act for granting rebates to the "Sugar Trust" on shipments of sugar in 1902 from New York to Cleveland, and in 1904.

Justice Day also announced that the Supreme court affirmed the decision of the lower court against the same railroad in another sugar rebate case in which the railroad was fined \$10,000 for paying \$23,141.81 in rebates to the American Sugar & Refining Company. The United States lost in a third decision which Justice Day announced for the court. This was in the case of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company involving rebates to the Brooklyn City and Eastern Railroad Company for shipping sugar from Poplar Bluffs, Mo. The Supreme court held that the indictments were insufficiently drawn.

By decision of the Supreme court of the United States today, the express companies of the United States cannot hereafter issue franks for transportation of baggage. The constitutionality and validity of the "No pass" provisions of the Hepburn Act were upheld in the decision of the court delivered by Justice Day.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The Arkansas anti-trust act was today declared constitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Hammond Packing Company. In accordance with this a fine of \$10,000 against the packing company claimed by the Hammond Packing Company was upheld in the decision of the court delivered by Justice Day.

CARMACK MURDER TRIAL

John D. Sharp Given Searching Examination—Col. Cooper Takes the Stand.

(Special from United Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 23.—John D. Sharp, plainly showing the effect of yesterday's grilling at the hands of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney J. B. Garner, resumed the stand today when the trial of himself, Colonel Cooper and Robin Cooper for the murder of Senator Carmack opened. It was plain by Garner's attitude when court resumed that he was aware that Sharp had had the benefit of expert counsel and was very wary in his initial replies.

The usual big crowd was on hand early for watching for admission to the courtroom.

Sharp held his own very well today with the result that the cross-examination was not prolonged as had been expected. Little that was material was developed. The re-direct examination was very brief and was devoted to strengthening out a number of minor points. Sharp was then excused and Colonel Duncan Cooper was called to the stand.

GOVERNMENT RETRYING THE STANDARD OIL

Case Involving the \$29,000,000 Fine Will Be Again Heard by a Jury.

United States Attorney Will Claim Conviction on 1,462 Separate Offenses.

Work of Selecting the Jury Begun This Morning at Chicago, Judge Anderson Presiding—History of Now Famous Rebate Case—Trial Likely to be a Long One.

(Special from United Press.) Chicago, Feb. 22.—The second great struggle between the Standard Oil Company and the government began in the United States District Court here today with the examination of veniremen for the selection of a jury to retry the famous \$29,000,000 case. Judge Anderson is presiding. The names of 150 residents of northern Illinois were selected last week to comprise the panel from which the jury will be chosen. United States District Attorney Sims assisted by Special Prosecutor James Wilkerson, and Assistant District Attorney Harry Parkin represent the government and Attorneys John S. Miller, Moritz Rosenthal and A. D. Eddy, the Oil Trust.

That the government will again attempt to have an enormous fine assessed became known last week when Sims notified the attorneys for the defendant company that he expected to prove 1,462 separate offenses of rebating in violation of the Elkins Anti-Trust Law. If he succeeds he will ask that the court should be convicted on all these counts would be only \$720,000.

The original Standard Oil Case was heard by Federal Judge Kenesaw W. Landis and the trial began March 4, 1907. The Oil company had been indicted by two special Federal Grand Jurors on 6,428 counts charging violations of the Elkins Anti-Trust Law which prohibited the company from accepting rebates on oil or other products. The trial began March 4, 1907 and lasted six weeks. The specific indictments upon which the United States attorney asked the jury to make their verdict numbered 1,462 and charged the acceptance of rebates from the Chicago & Alton Railroad aggregating \$223,000 on shipments of six thousand cars of oil from Whiting to East St. Louis, Ill.

After a trial full of sensational developments the jury returned a verdict of guilty on each indictment and on each separate count in the indictment. The Standard Company immediately took the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals on a writ of error. This decision was handed down on this writ of error petition reversing the trial court and remanding the case to the district court for re-trial. This decision by Judge Grosscup contained what was called the most remarkable exhortation on one count by another, in the history of the American bench.

On the 14th of last, District Attorney Sims filed a petition for a rehearing of the case before the Appellate Court alleging that the Circuit Court had misinterpreted and misquoted the rulings of the Supreme court and that the Circuit Court's ruling if sustained would make of the Interstate Commerce Act, "A mere will-o'-the-wisp of legislation, a phantom statute."

The Appellate Court declined to reverse its former decision and Attorney General Bonaparte then applied to the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of certiorari, hoping thus to get the case before the nation's highest tribunal with the \$29,240,000 fine attached. The Supreme court has now decided the writ on the ground that no great question of public moment was involved.

As soon as court convened John H. Miller, chief counsel for the Standard Oil Company sprung a sensation by moving that the entire bench of 150 names be quashed. He objected on the ground that the panel had not been properly drawn. It was surrounded with sufficient conditions to make it impartial and had too large a proportion of farmers.

HAT SHOP BREAKS FROM ASSOCIATION

J. H. Woolsey Co. of South Norwalk to Reopen as a Union Shop.

(Special from United Press.) South Norwalk, Feb. 22.—The second break in the Manufacturers' Association came today when it was learned that the J. H. Woolsey Co. of this city will reopen again and start a union shop. The first break in the manufacturers' ranks came last week when a Boston firm reorganized and opened a union shop. By reorganizing they escape forfeiting the \$5,000 bond which they have deposited as members of the national organization.

Croft & Knapp, the leading factory in this city, are gradually importing force of non-union workmen, six finishers have arrived from Philadelphia today together with several more women trimmers. Although there has been no marked demonstration on the part of the strikers towards the non-union workmen, the latter have been subject to slight annoyances on their way from the shops. Last night the young ladies in the morning dress department were taken to their boarding houses in automobiles.

YALE HOCKEY CAPTAIN. (Special from United Press.) New Haven, Feb. 22.—An announced today that John Heron, 19, of Pittsburgh, has been unanimously elected captain for next year of the Yale hockey team. He is a member of the University team for the last two seasons and captained the 1909 team. Last year Le was chosen as a member of the All-Collegiate Hockey team.

AUSTRIAN TROOPS READY. (Special from United Press.) London, Feb. 22.—The Exchange Telegraph today officially says that Austria has more than 130,000 troops strategically placed on the Serbian and Montenegrin frontier.

PERSONAL MENTION. Miss Louise Schindler has returned from a few days' vacation with friends in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

LOOK AT THIS

From the Thirty-fifth Annual Report of the Board of Water Commissioners of Norwich, Conn., for 1908.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total receipts	\$68,794 58
Disbursements	\$18,458 69
Interest on bonds	12,750 00
Interest on loans	2,616 40
33,825 09	

Net profit to the city... \$34,969 49

"The above financial statement is in line with the statements of previous years, showing an almost uninterrupted increase in the revenues of the department."

Signed by W. C. Collins, A. S. Comstock, A. A. Beckwith, Henry Gebrath and J. T. Sullivan, Board of Water Commissioners of Norwich.

It will be seen that the net profit on the sale of water in Norwich was more than half the gross income. It will be seen that \$15,366 in profits were paid to bondholders in the form of interest. The actual cost of producing the water, exclusive of profits, was \$18,458.69, or about 25 per cent. of the gross income. The cost of producing water throughout the country, exclusive of profits on investment, ranges from 20 to 33 1-3 per cent. of the gross income.

The water rates charged by the city of Norwich to domestic consumers are less than the rates charged in this city.

DAUGHTER OF RICHEST WOMAN MARRIED TODAY

Miss Sylvia Green Wed at Morristown, N. J., to Matthew Astor Wilks.

Manage to Elude Crowd of Curious at Hoboken and Slip Away—Prominent People Present.

(Special from United Press.) Morristown, N. J., Feb. 22.—Miss Sylvia Green, daughter of Mrs. Hetty Green, and Matthew Wilks, were married at St. Peter's church here today by Rev. Phileas F. Sturgess. Mrs. Green was presently accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. H. Green, and the bride and groom, who were accompanied by a large party of friends, left for the Morristown Inn where they were to remain for the night.

Arrangements for the wedding were made by the bride's mother, Mrs. Hetty Green, and the bride's father, Mr. J. H. Green. The ceremony was held at 10:30 a. m. and was attended by a large number of prominent people. The bride and groom were accompanied by a large party of friends, who were accompanied by a large party of friends.

Hoboken, N. J., Feb. 22.—Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, following precedent, declined today to take the public into her confidence even about so trifling a matter as the marriage of her daughter, Sylvia, to a son of the old Astor family, Matthew Astor Wilks.

The aged millionaire's daughter, who was married today, was accompanied by a large party of friends, who were accompanied by a large party of friends. The ceremony was held at 10:30 a. m. and was attended by a large number of prominent people.

But they were doomed to disappointment. The door of the apartment house suddenly opened and two women, one of them Sylvia, appeared. As they moved forward two policemen who had been vainly trying to keep the crowd out, stepped forward and behind of the pair and hustled them to a corner where a cab was waiting. To get them inside and slam the door was the work of but an instant and they drove away. It was seen how ever that the two women were Mrs. Green and her daughter. The young woman who is to become a bride later in the day, was seen in her bridal outfit but a long dark cloak, covering her from her neck to her heels, prevented any of the curious determining the fact.

The couple were greeted by an elderly man whose face was kept sunk well down in the collar of his fur lined coat. He was believed to be the "happy bridegroom," Matthew Astor Wilks but when asked who he was and where the party were going, he became real peevish.

The party was hustled into a private car and the bride and groom were seen to be waiting at the station, west-bound train. It was stated later that they may have worn their bridal outfit but a long dark cloak, covering her from her neck to her heels, prevented any of the curious determining the fact.

A dispatch from Morristown later stated that there was quite a party waiting there for the Greens and Wilks. This included Mr. and Mrs. Howland Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Amery Carphate and several relatives of Wilks. The wedding of Miss Sylvia Green and Mr. Wilks gives Mrs. Green a marriage relationship with the innermost circles of New York society.

No one knows just what the Green fortune amounts to. The lowest estimate is sixty million dollars and the guesses range all the way to one hundred million dollars but Mrs. Green is the only person who knows the exact extent of her fortune. She is the heaviest holder of New York bonds and also holds many millions of railroad bonds whose dividends are guaranteed. Mrs. Green has stated that her yearly income will be \$5,000,000 per day.

Wilks is 65 years old and Miss Green is 26.

TAX PARING MAKES LIST \$152,000 LESS

Biggest Increase \$30,000; Greatest Reduction \$40,000.

Assessment on Security Building Reduced \$25,000.

Board of Relief Hears 495 Appeals and Grants Reductions in 196 Cases—M'Mahon Hears Granted Relief on Steeplechase Assessment.

Owen Burns, clerk of the Board of Relief, filed with Clerk Delbridge of the Board of Assessors, this morning, a report of the board of the grand list showing a decrease in the grand list of \$185,135 and additions of \$33,100, so that the actual decrease is \$152,000.

This will not tend to increase the tax rate, as Auditor Keating in estimating the deductions by the Board of Relief for the preliminary appropriations, fixed the figure at \$500,000. The board of the auditor will give the tax board the income of \$350,000 more to work with than they had in the making up of the first list when the estimated tax rate was 15.8 mills.

Although the board received more appeals this year than it ever received before, Clerk Burns finished his work bright and early this morning. The biggest increase in the addition of \$30,000 to the list of Sarah A. Beardsley was also added at the request of the assessors as it was found that the property had come into the possession of Mrs. Beardsley by foreclosure proceedings.

Although the city attorney rendered an opinion that the Ringling Bros., circus proprietors, were not liable for taxes upon their \$75,000 worth of personal property, because they are non-residents, the Board of Relief have left the circus owners on the tax books for \$35,000 by agreement. The circus proprietors, admitting that they expected fine and police protection, expressed a willingness to pay upon a \$35,000 valuation.

Samuel H. Wheeler was allowed a reduction of \$20,000 on his property on the northwest corner of Main and Golden Hill streets, and \$7,000 reduction on his quarter interest in the Security building which was listed at \$74,000. The other three owners of the Security building, Ellen B. Harrall, William B. and Archer C. Wheeler, were each allowed \$7,000 reductions on their quarter interests, making a total reduction on the Security building of \$28,000.

The Bridgeport Copper Co., which claimed that its unused plant was overvalued, because its deterioration was allowed \$10,000 reduction. The heirs of the late John H. McMahon, who appealed from the valuation upon the Steeplechase Island property, were granted a reduction of \$15,000.

The report of the board follows:

SUMMARY.

Whole number of appeals received	495
Number on which an allowance was made	196
Number of additions to grand list	3
Total amount allowed in 2nd District	\$210,625
Total amount added in 2nd District	\$33,100
Decrease in grand list in 2nd District	\$177,525
Decrease in grand list in 1st District	7,510
Grand Total	\$185,135

Beardsley, Sarah A., \$2,600; Isip Corporation, \$500; Keeler, J. T. and Katherine M., \$30,000; Ennis, \$3,100.

Armstrong, Chas. H., \$100; Audley, David, \$200; Aurillo, Michael, \$500; Avery, Vincent, \$50; Baird, Robert J., \$100; Baird, Wm. H., \$100; Banks, Elmore S., \$200; Barnes, T. M., \$100; Bartetzko, August, \$200; Bassett, F. W., Agt. Talmud Torah Society, \$500; Bassett, Nellie P., \$300; Beach, S. B., \$100; Beardsley, Sarah A., \$2,600; Bender, Solomon A., Est., \$1,000; Birnbaum Bros. and Herman Beck, \$100; Bishop, Henry A., \$800; Bitzer, Carl, \$100; Blakeley, James, \$150; Blunt, Wm. \$200; Brauer, Peter, et. ux., \$100; Bridges, Jannie J., \$800; Broadfield, Chas. W., \$300; Brophy, Thomas, \$400; Brown, Andrew W., \$300; Brown, Emily W., \$100; Bunnell, W. H., \$300; Bunnell, Wm. H., \$300; Burns, Samuel A., \$2,800; Bur, W. S., Est., \$200; Burpee, Lucy and F., \$3,150; Butler, J. T. and Mary L., \$100; Valcott, Grace, \$100; Cavanaugh, Emma S., \$500; Capasso, Raffaele, \$600; Carter, Mary E., \$200; Casey, Edward and Jane A., \$200; Chamberlain, J. C., \$300; Clark, Fannie C., \$500; Club, Seaside, \$2,500; Coates, Chas. W., et. ux., \$100.

Corporations.

J. W. Beach Co., \$1,000; Bridgeport Copper Co., \$10,000; Bridgeport Port Jefferson Steamboat Co., \$2,500; Coe & White Co., \$200; Columbia Nut & Bolt Co., \$1,000; Consolidated Carpet Sewing Mach., \$500; H. J. Lewis Oyster Co., \$5,000; Sun Company, \$1,000.

Coughlin, Joseph P., \$200; Crowley, Mabel, \$200; Daves, Samuel, \$200; Delvechis, Christina, \$200; Dewhurst, Elizabeth, Est., \$600; Diamond, Chas., \$200; Donald, Geo. D., \$100; Donnelly, Chas. H., \$200; Drenth, James, \$200; Eisenman, Mary, \$100; Engleman, Nathan and Harris, \$500; Esposito, Pasquale, \$500; Farrell, Malachi, \$200; Ferguson, Wm. H., et. ux., \$100.

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PLACES BIG EQUIPMENT ORDER. (Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 23.—It was reported in Wall street today that the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad has placed orders for \$5,000,000 worth of new equipment at concessions on account of the lower prices of steel resulting from the open market.

dred million dollars but Mrs. Green is the only person who knows the exact extent of her fortune. She is the heaviest holder of New York bonds and also holds many millions of railroad bonds whose dividends are guaranteed. Mrs. Green has stated that her yearly income will be \$5,000,000 per day.

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WILL TAX BOARD SAVE EVIL WATER CONTRACT?

Four Votes Against Appropriation Will Prevent its Being Made.

To Refuse Appropriation Will Annul the Instrument—Referendum Plan of Hon John J. Phelan Will, It Is Said, Be Adopted—This Would Put Question Up to the Voters.

The meeting of the Tax Board opened at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Before the close of the meeting action will have been taken upon the matter of an appropriation for a supply of water under the twenty year contract, which will indicate the degree to which the members of the board are responsive to the almost universal opinion that this malodorous instrument should be set aside by the means which the city attorney has suggested, or by a reference of the matter to the voters.

The plan that meets with most general approval is that of Mr. Phelan, which has been already explained. It is understood, however, that a modification of the idea of submission to the voters contemplates opportunity for the Water company to itself annul the instrument without a struggle by proposing a conference and a new understanding with the city.

The appropriation cannot be made if the members of the board who favor a referendum insist upon having it. The board consists of twelve members. Two are absent. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Cooper are in Europe. It takes seven concurrent votes to make the appropriation. With ten members present four votes is sufficient to defeat a grant of money for the benefit of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company.

Among those who have in one way or another gone on record as favoring a referendum to the people besides the author of the plan, Mr. Phelan, are Mr. Smith, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Hincks and Mr. Sedger.

It is thus in the hands of the members who favor submission to compel it. The appropriation cannot be made without their consent.

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GOVERNOR NAMES WHEELER JUDGE FOSTER

General Assembly Suspends Action of Statute to Confirm Nomination.

Confusion Created by Error in Connecticut State Manual.

Name of Judge Ralph Wheeler Also Sent in Term of Bridgeport Judge Would Expire Sunday—House and Senate Suspend Rules.

(By our Staff Correspondent.) Hartford, Feb. 23.—Governor Lilley today sent to the Senate the nominations of Judge George W. Wheeler of Bridgeport, and Judge Ralph Wheeler of New London, for reappointment as judges of the Superior court for a term of eight years. Both are now on the bench and Judge G. W. Wheeler's term expires Feb. 28 next, and that of Judge Ralph Wheeler upon March 14 next. Through some error in the compiling of the Connecticut Register and Manual it was made to appear that the term of Judge G. W. Wheeler did not expire until July 1 of the present year.

In order that his reappointment might become effective before the end of his term so that there might be no interruption in his service, radical action was necessary in the case of Judge G. W. Wheeler's nomination. For the first time in the history of the General Assembly it became necessary for both houses to suspend sections 55 and 36 of the General Statutes. This was necessary that the confirmation of Judge Wheeler's nomination might be taken up before the ending of his present term, Feb. 28. Both houses suspended the sections of the statutes mentioned and the nomination went upon the calendar and will come up for action. This action, however, was not necessary in the case of Judge Ralph Wheeler, whose term does not expire till March 14.

Governor Lilley approved of the action of the General Assembly in suspending the statutes named and tomorrow the rules will again be suspended and the nomination of Judge Wheeler will be confirmed, waiving reference in his case to the Judiciary committee as is usual in the appointment of court judges, so that before adjournment of the Assembly tomorrow the reappointment of Judge Wheeler will have been legally effected.

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